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May is National Egg Month

May 12, 2005

At six feet below sea level, New Orleans is made habitable by a series of pumps, canals and levees. The levees are good for people, bad for the salt marshes trapped inside them. But what man has undone he can redo. Bundled Christmas trees are being deposited in hedgerows – manmade breakwaters that capture moving sediment and encourage plants to root.

## Land



# lost and

## found



#### By Sam Irwin

Most folks celebrate the year-end holidays and dispose of their Christmas trees as soon as the festivities are over.

Orleans Parish waited until after Easter to throw their's out. But sometimes it's not when you throw them out, it's where. Throw them out on the side of the road = bad; bundle them up, airlift them via helicopter and drop into an environmentally-sensitive eroded coastal marshland = good.

That's precisely what a combined effort of the New Orleans

Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs, a variety of other city departments, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and Louisiana Army National Guard did with the thousands of recycled trees collected in the Crescent City after Christmas.

Environmentalist Heather Szapary, an independent consultant hired by the mayor's office, coordinated the entire project from curbside pickup to helicopter drop-off. Szapary was encouraged by the mission.

"I really appreciated this opportunity to work in coastal

restoration where more than one benefit occurs. Not only did we keep the thousands of trees out of the landfill," Szapary said, "But it's going to help create marsh. It's really exciting to see everything come together with the helicopters and airboats."

In an area of the state where urban development collides with coastal preservation, it's a fact of life that what once was will most likely never be the same again.

Huge earthen levees protect New Orleans East from hurricane surges and flooding from the unpredictable Mississippi River. And while that flood protection has been good for municipal development, it has choked off the flow of marsh-preserving and land-building silt into the fragile eastern Lake Pontchartrain beach.

"There's no water flow into the area," said U.S Fish & Wildlife Biologist Charlotte Parker. "Back before the highways and levee, there was water movement in the area carrying sediments in there. Now it's just rainfall, and we have to let water out occasionally when it gets too high.

"We just don't have the input of material we used to have from the river. Building the highways also created levees and changed the hydrology. It's hard to go back to anything natural in such a highly developed area."

The trees are one solution to assist nature. They were collected and stored at the former New Orleans landfill site on Old Gentilly Road. By February, Szapary had coordinated with Orleans Sheriff Marlin Gusman to provide inmate labor to strap the trees into thick bundles of 50 each.

The Christmas trees, once a beautiful green, have turned brown by early March, but still retain most of their needles. After stripping abandoned Christmas lights from the formerly festive decorations, Szapary and her workers drag the trees one by one and place them over two long, thin metal ribbons. Soon, a five-foot pile of biomass is collected. A gas-powered strapping machine roars to life and slowly yanks the sturdy straps tighter and tighter to compress the irregular pile into a biodegradable Christmas present for the marsh. The dry and prickly needles make for difficult and scratchy work, but the payoff is realized when they meld into a thick bulky package quite capable of netting free-floating sediment in the open waters of the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Reserve northeast of New Orleans.

In all, 95 bundles of yuletide cheer were transported via truck to a boat landing on U. S. 11 south of Irish Bayou.

Szapary has arranged for Louisiana Army National Guard  $See\ Land\ lost,\ page\ 2$ 



**Coordinators Heather Szapary and Yarow Etheredge** 







An airboat crew secures dropped tree bundles (above left, clockwise); the southern end of Blind Lagoon with man-made perimeter is one of the success stories in the New Orleans East reclamation project; media was on hand for the event; arrow indicates Turtle Bayou reclamation zone on a map of the Bayou Sauvage area.



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aircraft from the 812th Medical Company based at Esler Field in Pineville, and commanded by Major Stephen Todd, to airlift and drop the bundles into the Turtle Bayou area of the wildlife reserve.

To begin the operation, two Vietnam-era UH-1V Iroquois helicopters, better known as Hueys, swoop down to the oyster shell boat launch. Szapary shields her eyes from the blowing dust kicked up by the whirling rotors to watch the helicopter's ground crew attach the transport sling to the first of the bundles. A powerful upward thrust on the throttle and the chopper easily lifts the bale into the air. Szapary flashes the all-clear thumbs-up sign and the aircraft zoom away to the drop-off zone. Then she busies herself re-baling trees that have slipped out of their bundles.

The Bayou Sauvage NWR is a natural for the coastal restoration projects in Orleans because it is the only remaining wetlands in the parish, said U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Supervisory Park Ranger Byron Fortier.

"The wetlands in Bayou Sauvage have been impacted by the presence of the hurricane leves and the erosion of the outlying areas," Fortier said. "The exterior leves protect, but the interior marshes are suffering. They were brackish marshes, but now they're fresh marshes."

Using reclaimed Christmas trees in marsh restoration projects is relatively new, but the Bayou Sauvage ranger corps thinks they have hit on a winning solution

"We've had four recycling efforts," Parker said. "Two projects placed the tree bundles outside the levee protection areas and didn't do as well as the ones inside. On the outside projects, the water went around or under and



A helicopter crew picks up a bundle of trees from the staging area.

scoured under them. Now they are basically non-existent, although storms may have caused that."

The rangers received a serendipitous lesson from an earlier interior marsh project in the open water at the western end of Blind Lagoon.

"We built a fence in 1996 in the open-water marsh with the idea of planting vegetation inside," Parker said. "It really never was completed, but we noticed there was a lot of plant build-up around and inside the fences. It made us see what could happen with some sort of structure, but we wanted it to be more natural."

Parker said the Christmas tree bundles were the perfect natural material for the fragile ecosystem.

"The tree projects are relatively small proj-

ects using volunteers," Parker said. "They're easy to airlift and it's right at the time of the high water. Later on, we won't be able to get a boat out there."

But in late March, the water level in Turtle Bayou is high enough for airboats piloted by Parker and Park Ranger Charlie Case to assist the helicopter pilots. Case and Parker's primary function is to retrieve the aircraft's transport slings once a tree bundle is dropped and return them to the staging area.

Turtle Bayou, formerly a sleepy narrow marsh slough, has evolved into a wide open pond and threatens to connect with Blind Lagoon, another open pond area.

"We're trying to help Turtle Bayou reclaim its bank," said Case.

"We're not really sure what caused the

Turtle Bayou pond," Parker said. "Subsidence (the gradual sinking and settling of the silted land mass) and drought has caused problems. When the area dries out during the summer it accelerates the subsidence. When it fills up again during the wet season the open area gets bigger, and wind and wave action put more pressure on the vegetation."

Based on the marsh growth created by the 1996 fence project, the hope is the tree bundles will establish a breakwater in the open ponds and begin the slow process of trapping silt and encourage marsh grass growth.

The drop locations have been pre-arranged with National Guard pilots Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brad Smith, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Regan Wilson, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Wiley Nugent and Captain Ryan Faulk. The pilots expertly guide the loads, hanging 50 feet below the belly of the aircraft, and ease them down into the one-foot shallow water.

A third chopper piloted by Major Stephen Todd and Captain Charles Colley hauls New Orleans-area media types to get aerial photo footage of the mission.

By the end of the day the air and boat crews have placed all of the bundles and a weary Szapary is gratified. It's the end of a long three-month project that began on Christmas Day.

Szapary adjusted her Saints baseball cap and flashed a final thumbs-up signal skyward to the helicopter crews as they returned to their central Louisiana base.

"This is the best Christmas present ever," the young environmentalist said. "I hope city residents understand they can do something, even if it's as simple as donating your tree to protect our city from natural disaster."

### Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom and USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator James Little signed an agreement last month at the Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge to implement a \$121 million Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in the Lower Ouachita River Basin area.

"During the 15-year duration of CREP, nearly 50,000 acres of crop and pasture land in the Bayou Macon and Boeuf River watersheds will be treated for soil erosion control, or converted to bottomland hardwood or other types of wetland habitat," Odom said. "This conservation program is going to have a major posi-

tive impact on the environment in State agencies including the northeast Louisiana." State agencies including the Department of Agriculture and

The program encourages landowners to enroll environmentally sensitive agricultural lands into CREP for 15 years. The objective of the program is to assist landowners in implementing measures directed at maintaining or improving current water quality conditions in the Bayou Macon and Boeuf River Watersheds. Odom said significant economic impacts will also result from the program.

FSA will provide CREP participants certain incentive payments and cost-share assistance for installing approved conservation practices. State agencies including the Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Soil and Water Conservation office, Wildlife and Fisheries, Environmental Quality and the conservation group Ducks Unlimited will contribute services to assist with annual water quality monitoring and other efforts of the program.

The goal of the program, Odom said, is to reduce the sediment loading of the streams, bayous and lakes in the project area by 30 percent.

"Efforts will also be made to reduce runoff from agriculture lands containing dissolved nitrogen and phosphorous," Odom said.

Shallow water areas and wetlands will be established for the purpose of removing the nutrients and other agriculture chemicals from runoff before it enters water bodies in the project area. Additionally, habitats for fish and wildlife resources will be created or improved by establishing over 13,000 acres of bottomland wildlife habitat, 17,000 acres of wetland habitat and 4,500 acres of riparian buffers.

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Soil and Water Conservation office will administer the program for the state. Eight local soil and water conservation districts in partnership with the USDA's

Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide technical assistance required by farmers to install water quality and soil erosion protection practices as well as measures to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

Sign up for CREP began May 9 and continue until enrollment goals are attained or through Dec. 31, 2007, whichever comes first. Land enrolled in the program will remain under contract for 14 to 15 years.

For more information or to enroll, contact a local Soil and Water Conservation District office, Natural Resources Conservation Service office or the local FSA office.

## Did you know:

For the fifth consecutive year, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has received a USDA grant to administer the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

The program provides coupons to low-income senior citizens, those at least 60 years of age, that can be used at approved farmers markets and roadside stands. This year the state received \$254,650. Each participant will be issued a booklet of coupons totaling \$16.

Participants can take the coupons to approved farmers markets and roadside stands to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. To date, there are 57 roadside stands and 24 farmers markets statewide that can accept the coupons.

The coupons will be mailed to each participant at the beginning of June and they are valid until November 30, 2005. In addition to the coupons, the department is sending a brochure listing all of the participating farmers markets and roadside stands, their hours of operation, and their location. Another brochure contains a listing of fresh fruits and vegetables grown in Louisiana, a schedule of approximate harvest dates and instructions for using the coupons.

In addition to the seniors program, this year the department also received a grant to participate in a WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program. WIC is a federal program that provides food assistance to women with infants and children.

The farmers market pilot program will take place in East Baton Rouge Parish. WIC recipients will be eligible for coupon booklets totaling \$24 each. The total grant is for \$6,667. The coupons will be distributed by two East Baton Rouge Parish WIC clinics.

For more information about these programs, visit the department's Web site, www.ldaf.state.la.us.

#### **CATTLE**

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pasturient or post pasturient animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

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**Pb polled** Char. bulls, trait leader bloodlines, some heifers avail., \$975/1-up. Terry Truxillo, Franklinton; (985) 839-5302.

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Ainsworth, Delhi; (318) 722-6356.

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**Reg. Shorthorn** bulls, (1) red, (1) white, (1) roan, wean. age, quality cattle, \$750/1. Jerry Epperson, Baker; (225) 654-5881.

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1/2 QH, 1/2 Thoroughbred chestnut mare, excel. conform., sound, gentle, vacc. & wormed, \$800 or trade for heifer. Kim Tonagel, Abita Springs; (985) 893-4846.

**2004 AQHA** bay colt, Right This Minnick & Zippo Pine Bar x Skip Shi x Royal Tailwind daughter, big hip, good legs, beautiful head, nice mover, \$1900. Jerry Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 540-4556.

**Play day geld.,** fast, not for beginners, 13.5 hands, breakaway & speed events, 900 lbs., pal., good conform., 16 yrs., \$2800. Frances Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 478-3125.

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yrlgs. only, gentle, excel. play day or Little Britches rodeo prospects, \$600/1-up. J. Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 540-4556.

1/2 **App. stud** colt, 6 mos., sire shown in WP, very pretty, well built, gray, w/App. characteristics, \$400 obo. R. Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

**2002 AQHA** sorrel geld., broke, gentle, 3 mos. on cows, 14.2 hands, sire Caans Ebony Image, \$1500 obo. A. Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

**TWHBEA, SSHBEA,** NSSHA reg., '04 fillies, blk./wh. sorrel & wh. or gray & wh., \$1200/1-up. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

**AQHA, PHBA,** 2 yr. pal. colt, IF, son of world champ., \$3500. David Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**AQHA 10 yr.** dark chestnut broodmare, sire was superior halter & superior western pleasure, \$2000. Wanda Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**2 yr. AQHA** sorrel geld., sire is 5x PHBA world champ, (3) wh. stockings, w/thin blaze, flashy, very gentle, \$2200 obo. Garret Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**Reg. MFT** geld., dark sorrel, flax mane, blaze face, gentle, halter broke, \$900. Felix Brown, Bastrop; (318) 281-9339.

**Lovable AMHA** miniature horses, Pintos & solids, fillies & colts, most will be 30" & under, \$950/1-up, imprinted at birth. Armand Scurria, Chalmette; (504) 650-9197.

**App. horses,** yrlgs., broodmares & riding prospects. Ruby or Jimmy Berry, Marion; (318) 292-5178.

Reg. AQHA & APHA yrlg. & 2 yrs. Peppy San Badger, Sugar Bars, Doc A Lena, Skipper W breeding, \$750-\$1100. Stephen Price, Pollock; (318) 165-2465.

Quality cutting & performance prospects, by sons of Smart Plan, Haidas Little Pep & Smart Lil Scoot, mares are Quixote, Little Peppy, Doc's Oak, Son of a Doc, Young Gun, Snack Box, Smart Lil Highbrow, Freckles, etc., some producers, \$1500/1-up. John Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

1986 Cutting geld., winner of year end championships & top 10 ACHA youth, sound & in great cond., great for youths or beginners, very cowy, \$4500. Hana Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

**Reg. pb Arabians** at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2 plus hands, excel. temperament, foals to show, \$750/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

**2003 pal. colt,** has a lot of size & great conform., sire is 90% foundation, Doc Bar, dam is a natural W/P mare, Zip Is It, \$1500. Jane Mae, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

Largest selection of '05 AQHA & APHA foundation buckskins & pal., financing is avail. until weaned, see us & pick your next show horse, \$1000. Jane Damore, Loranger; bestofthewest@bell-south.net or (985) 878-4151.

**2002 AQHA** 93% foundation bred Doc Bar, Blondy Dude & King bred, 4th generation dilute gene, exceptional disp. & conform., 30 days training, \$2000 obo. Jane West, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

2002 pal. stallion, Doc Bar, Blondy's Dude & King bred, 4th generation dilute gene, should be close to 16 hands, exceptional disp. & conform., great asset to any breeding program, \$2500 obo. Mike Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

**AMHA reg.** miniature horses, mares, fillies & colts, \$1000/1-up. Brenda Hebert, Covington; www.goldenmeadow-minis.com (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

**Reg. MFT,** blue papered, light pal. color, wh. blaze & 4 wh. stockings, wh. tail & mane, 2 yr. stud, halter broke only, very gentle & calm, \$2500 firm. Earl Normand, Jr., Cottonport; (318) 876-3346.

**1999 AQHA** sorrel geld., bloodline includes Iron Bird, Boston Mac, Enhanced & Go Man Go, barrel & pole horse, \$2000. Beth Humphries, Monroe; (318) 343-0823.

**2 yr. spotted** saddle mare, gentle, halter broke, all shots & worm free, \$1000. Roy Firmin, Zachary; (225) 654-9566.

**Reg. TW,** (11) weans., (6) foals, all gentle, pal., spotted, gray, sorrel, bay, blk., \$1000/1-up. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

1997 AQHA bay mare, dbl. bred, Doc Bar, pretty head, good conform. & good handling, \$3500; 2 yr. daughter of above mare, grand-daughter of Peponita, \$3500. Charles Broussard, Jeanerette; (337) 276-6688.

**Miniature horses,** AMHA, AMHR colts & fillies, 2 yr. stud, started, driving on cart, \$450/1-up. Darron Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-9594.

**8 mo. donkey** colt, Jack, ready for training, very tame, \$250. Scott Isgitt, Many; (318) 256-0431.

MFT mare, 6 yrs., buckskin, gentle, very smooth gait, \$1900. Fran Lambert, Hessmer; (318) 563-9076

**4 yr. mare,** gentle, broke, started on barrels/poles/cows, rides in parades & trails, women rides her all the time, \$1500. Linda Bordelon, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3989 or (337) 802-2572.

**2001** AQHA sorrel stallion, rides well & easy to handle, Peppy San Badger & dbl. Doc Bar breeding, \$3000. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**QH geld.**, 16 hands, 10 yrs., pal., pro trained, started on roping, ridden in parades, experienced rider, \$1500. Robert Bozeman, Belmont; (318) 256-5781.

**Belgian mares,** 12 yr. & 13 yr. sisters, pull buggy, trail ride, gentle, good disp., full set of leather harnesses, bred to Yellow Hawk AQHA, \$5000/all. J. Williams, West Monroe; (318) 396-2402.

**APHA 4 yr.** geld., well marked, smooth riding, gentle, experienced rider, \$2500 obo; Tinker's Steel mare, chestnut colored, gentle, well mannered, \$2000 obo. Chris Bordelon, Baton Rouge; (225) 939-3797.

**2005 AQHA** colt, Colonel Freckles, Vegas Boy, Sugar Bars, Mr. San Peppy, Three Bars & Gay Bar King, all in 5 generation, \$1800. David Tastet, Lockport; (985) 665-4154.

6 yr. brown/wh. paint TW mare, well trained & smooth gaited,

\$1200 others avail., call after 5 p.m. Cameron Hudson, Pineville; (318) 641-1935.

**AMHA reg.** miniatures, mares, pasture exposed, all have excel. temperaments, \$650/1-up; (1) stud, \$900. Sheri Kelly, Loranger; (985) 507-3254 or (985) 878-3095.

(3) Miniature horses, \$500/1-up. Karl Bergeron, Maringouin; (225) 625-2457.

Miniature horses, filly, 1 yr., \$300. Zan Dupre, Eunice; (337) 457-2716.

**Small pony,** stud paint, very gentle, \$400. Pam Courville, Livonia; (225) 637-4969.

**3 yr. red & wh.** paint geld., broke, ready to ride, \$850. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 334-9272.

**Reg. 5 yr.** QH mare, rides well, no bad habits, works cows, Colonial Freckles bloodline, \$2500. L. Melancon, Breaux Bridge; (337) 845-4761 or (337) 224-3551.

1989 Reg. Thoroughbred broodmare, out of Zuppardos Prince, bloodline includes Count Fleet, Bold Ruler, Nasrullah, sweet mare, easy to handle, dark bay, approx. 16 hands, \$2000 firm. Jessica Marino, Covington; (985) 892-8753 or (985) 966-2098.

**Wanted:** miniature horses, reg. or non-reg., mostly mares & colts, 1-25 head. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

**Dixieland performance** horses, world-class trainers, 2 world championships in '01, we train, show & sell, training all breeds, openings avail. now for training. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

#### STALLION SERVICE

Andalusian stallion, imported lines, lovely nature, great conform, great mover, cross breeds eligible for registration, including QH, TB & Arabians, as well as Drafts, fee for non Andalusians, \$800/\$6 mare care; Andalusians, \$1500/\$6 mare care Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; www.baroquefarm.com, baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

**3 yr. blk/wh.** TW, very well marked & a smooth gait, \$150. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

TWHBEA, SSHBEA, NSSHA, RHBEA reg, 16 hands, blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; (225) 265-4654 or (225) 289-0923.

MFT stallion, Chaseland's Jambalaya D.M., red roan, 15.1 hands, approved under saddle, Missouri Rambler E, Jolly's Red Shadow bred, all normal guarantees, \$300/\$5 mare care. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earth-link.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

**App. stallion,** Obvious Steel, beautiful blk./wh. blanket, Obvious Colours, Jossteelmagnolia, all normal guarantees, \$300/\$5. T. Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earth-link.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217

or (602) 509-6220.

(2) Miniature ponies for stud service, (1) 36" tall, red/wh. paint, (1) 38" tall, red, both very gentle, \$100. Thomas Harrison, Thibodaux; (985) 448-2349.

**1998 golden** pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**2001 bay stallion,** 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquery Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$400/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**Blk. & wh.** App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**AQHA pal.,** Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**8 yr. grandson** of Puddenhead, bay star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeanette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

**Straight Egyptians** at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac, Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$750, introductory offer, limited breeding. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

Shining Sneakers, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, incentive fund, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$600/\$6 pasture mare care, \$9 stall mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, borerqtrhorses@aol.com or (225) 667-7415

**Reg. App.,** tri-colored leopard, own son of national champ. & gold medallion winner, Skip Go Grand, colts on site, \$200/\$4 mare care. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**AQHA bay** stud, son of Smart Little Uno & out of a daughter of Puddenhead, \$400/\$5 mare care. Francis Benoit, Thibodaux; (985) 663-5537.

Haidas Royal son, beautiful, powerful & cowy, by Haidas Little Pep, by producing daughter Son of A Doc, will produce cutting, roping, working etc., \$600/\$5 mare care. Asa Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

**Smart Plan** Peppy, smart, balanced & athletic, a good-looking son of Smart Plan, by producing daughter of Little Peppy, his foals are outstanding, \$500/\$5 mare care. John Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719

Colonel's Lil Scoot, outstanding son of Smart Lil Scoot, by top 10 NCHA producing daughter Colonel Freckles, smart & cowy, the real deal, \$750/\$5 mare care. David Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

**AQHA golden** pal. stallion, Peppy's Boy 895, by daughter of Maxi Lena, \$400 includes (1) week mare care. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux; www.bayouquarter-horses.com or (985) 446-0708.

**Dun's 100%** color producer, Doc's Hickory, Peppy San, Doc O'Lena, beautiful, intelligent, trainable disp., don't breed before you look at this one, \$400/\$5 mare care. Jeffrey Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

**AQHA bay** roan, Hancock Driftwood bred stallion, 16 hands, 1400 lbs., good bone, throws mostly roans, colts to show, \$400/\$2 mare care. Alan Dayton, Jena; (318) 992-6962.

1993 AQHA FQHA, 100% foundation, QH reg., blk. dbl. bred grandson of Poco Bueno, 2, 3 times back to Poco Bueno & King, Senor George breeding, great disp. & conform., used on ranch, \$300/\$3 mare care. Chris Breaux, Kaplan; (337) 277-1942 or (337) 642-9579.

**AQHA '00** gray stallion, w/excel. conform. & disp., own son of Kid Clu, out of a Smooth Town daughter, Skipa Star on top & bottom, \$350. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

**Beautiful reg.** blk./wh. tobiano TW stallion, homozygous from both sire & dam, guaranteed paint, 15.1 hands, excel. conform. & disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Jim Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. chestnut & wh. tobiano, homozygous TW stallion, by Battle Colors & Paints Moon Man, 15.3 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful, great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

**Reg. blk. TW** stallion, Shades of Carbon bloodline, 15 hands, beautiful & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. John Duplechin, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

**Reg. pal. TW** stallion, Pride's Genius & Pride of Midnight bloodline, 16 hands, gentle & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Cody Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

### SHEEP & GOATS

(2) Nubian bucks, (1) 4 mos., dehorned & wormed, good milking stock, also 2 mo. blk. buck, \$75/1. Jestin Gill, Leesville; (337) 570-9909.

**Sheep, \$45/1-up;** goats, \$45/1-up. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

(3) **NDGA males,** (2) 2 mos., (1) 1 yr., blk. & wh. bucks, \$100-\$150/1. J. Knight, Angie; (985) 848-8149.

**Percentage Boer** goats, (3) male, (3) female, 3 mos., \$60/1-up. Ricky Deshotel, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4032

**Blk.** head dorper crossed, w/Katahdin male, only (8) males, born in Jan., \$150/1. Wilfred Lalonde, Opelousas; (337) 585-3835.

**Katahdin twin** rams, (2) sets, (3) ewes, (1) shortsacked ram, \$60/1. Kim Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 886-7372.

**NPGA reg.** babies, show quality, great for young 4-H students, out of '04 Jr. grand champion buck, also show in NPGA area shows,

\$100-\$200. Mary Beth Anderson, New Roads; (225) 618-0908 or (225) 718-5756.

(2) males, (1) female, 4 mos., sired by 15/16 Boer sire, \$100/1. J. M. Miller, Carencro; (337) 896-0141.

Show wethers for 4-H, \$150/1-up; ABGA fb & percentage buck & doe kids, \$200/1-up; reg. fb & percentage does, 2 yrs., \$300. Curtis Buford, Franklin; (337) 923-0116 or (985) 397-0558.

**Reg. Lamancha** dairy goat ducks, milking & show bloodlines, nice, \$150/1-up; '05 Nubian/Lamancha cross bucks, \$50/1. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683 or (337) 519-0231.

**Female goat,** Toggenburg-Nubian cross, \$75. George Pousson, Sr., Iota; (337) 779-3143.

**Texas dahl** sheep, white hair sheep, healthy, some bred back, no wool, \$75/1. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

**Wanted:** doe Lamancha goats, 6-8 mos., for milking or older, reasonably priced. Joyce Authement, Houma; (985) 876-7733.

#### LIVESTOCK DOGS

**Jack rats** pups, ½ Jack Russell, ½ rat terrier, very cute, very smart, super good, w/mice & snakes, \$65/1. Lloyd Menard, Eunice; (337) 457-3959.

**ABC border** collie pups, blk. & wh. females, born 4/10/05, \$150/1; CKC Jack Russell pups, born 3/3/05, \$200/1. T. J. Petitjean, Rayne; (337) 334-4369.

(4) male cattle dog pups, sire is Red Ridgeback, dam yellow blk.mouth cur, both are big dogs, all pups are blk.-mouth buckskin color, \$150/1 or \$250/2; (1) female cow dog, red, w/wh. ring neck, never bred, 2 ½ yrs., will move cattle & bite, cur x pit cross, \$150, cash. T. J. Kreamer, Houma; (985) 873-9765.

**Jack Russells** on the bayou, great hunters, CKC reg., \$300/1. Brad Mire, Crowley; (337) 788-1783.

Catahoulas, 3 mo. females, wormed & shots, beautiful, leopards, dbl. glass eyes, full blooded, working stock on one side, treeing stock on other, \$75/1. Ragan Fair, Keithville; (318) 925-6647.

**Pb rat terrier** pups, good ratters & squirrel dogs, ready to go mid to end of May, females, \$100; males, \$125/1. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683 or (337) 519-0231.

Great Pyrenees pups, born 3/16, (5) males, (2) females, \$150/1; female Welsh corgi, 10 mos., red & wh. chest, \$400. Curtis Buford, Franklin; (337) 923-0116 or (985) 397-0558

**AKC Pembroke** Welsh corgi, born 6/3/04, blk. & tan markings, good breeder or pet, \$600. Rickey Pender, Colfax; (318) 627-3086.

**Great Pyrenees** pups, born 3/6/05, raised w/goats & chickens, (4) males, (1) female, \$150/1. Earl Jones, Slaughter; (225) 654-2417.

**AKC mini** Dachshund, (1) long hair blk. & tan female, 12 wks., \$400. Liz Canizaro, Ponchatoula;

(985) 370-0533.

**NALC Catahoula** pups, born 3/14/05, leopards, glass eyes, had all shots, \$150/1. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909.

**ABC reg.** border collie pups, great working bloodline, parents on premises, will make good working dogs or family pet, blk./wh., red/wh., born 4/11/05, \$200/1. R. Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890 or (337) 278-8630.

**CKC reg.** Jack Russell pups, \$200. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041 or (337) 288-1859.

**CKC Great** Pyrenees pups, born 2/6/05, great working dogs or great pets, parents on premises, females, \$200; males, \$250. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

**Fb** rat terrier pups, born 1/17/05, (1) female, (2) males, wormed, paper trained, parents on site, \$75/1. Mary McLean, Mora; (318) 793-5817.

**Border collie** pups, males, \$100/1; female, \$75. G. Perron, Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

(2) **AKC miniature** Doberman pinschers, 6 wks. 5/4/05, \$450/1. Susan Welch, Bush; (985) 893-3344.

**Reg. Jack** Russell terrier pups, born 2/14/05, (1) male, (1) female, \$200/1; reg. mountain cur pup, born 12/26/04, (1) females, \$150. Tommy Myers, Goldonna; (318) 727-9325

1/2 **Rat terrier**, 1/2 miniature pincher pups, all blk./tan, parents are pb on both sides, awesome squirrel, varmint & ratters, \$65/1. Kenneth Racca, Sulphur; (337) 527-9296 or (337) 494-8930.

1/2 **Cur, blue** leopards & 1/2 rottweiler pups, almost 2 lbs. when born, could be good catch dogs for hogs & cattle, both parent pb, have great disp., \$100/1. K. Racca, Sulphur; (337) 527-9296 or (337) 494-8930.

#### **SWINE**

**Feeder/weanling** pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn fed, on concrete, \$45/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

#### DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Yellow-crowned female, \$600; blue-front Amazon hen, \$700; bronze-winged pionus males & females, \$450; wh.-fronted Amazons, young pr., \$600; redlored proven pr., \$900. Brian Keith, Vivian; (318) 375-4557.

**White racing** homers, \$5/1-up; ringneck doves, \$5/1-up. Ted Tarride, Kentwood; (985) 229-7067.

Gorgeous rare Leadbeater's cockatoo male, super tame, 1 ½ yrs., \$3500. Leanna Meaux, New Orleans; (504) 283-8105.

(3) **Proven prs.** of umbrella cockatoos, (1) pr. is on eggs, \$1800-\$2000/pr. or \$4800/all, cages & nest boxes can go with them. Stephen Gauthier, Watson; sgbirdhouse@cox.net or (225) 664-3315.

**Breeding prs.** blue & gold macaws, w/metal nest boxes, \$1800/pr. Al Cormier, Rayne; (337) 873-2111.

**Hf cockatiels** & Quakers, \$30/1-up, others avail. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

Indian ringneck, albino, \$125/1; blue, \$200/1; turquoise, \$250; gray, \$200; fallow, cinn. blue, \$350. Lester Paul Levene, Jr., Abbeville; (337) 893-6746.

**Sun conure,** 5 mos., hf, large new cage, new nest box, stainless steel bowls, perches & stand for cage, \$300. Ronald Davis, Baton Rouge; (225) 281-2496.

Hahn's macaws, \$375/1 or \$2000/6 or make offer; mustache parakeets, \$250/1; sun conure, \$375; very playful, green Indian ringneck hen, \$75. Darlene Covell, Scott; (985) 856-6719 or (337) 232-5347.

**Cockatiels,** \$30/1-up; parakeets, \$10/1-up; lovebirds, \$45/1-up; zebra finches, \$8/1. Carolyn Bornholdt, DeRidder; (337) 375-2841.

Cockatiels, hf & breeder age, grays, pieds, pearls, cinns., lutinos, albinos, wh. faces & most combinations, all seamless banded, certificates included, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

**Ringneck dove** normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Quaker-parrots, blue, \$375; blue female, \$400; pallid blue females, \$650; green split pallid males, \$450. Carol Phillips, Logansport; cdpaviary@msn.com or (318) 442-2364.

Orange-faced lovebirds, lutinos, olive, cinn. normals split to lutino, \$25-\$45/1; other colors, \$20-\$40; lutinos, violets, cinn. & more, \$100/4. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

(12) stackable bird breeder cages, different sizes, \$110/all; diff. sized carrying cages, food, bowls & water bottles, wooden nest boxes, \$15/1. Esther Cenac, Houma; (985) 853-2328.

**Indian ringneck** parakeets, '04 & '05 hatch, blue, turquoise, green/blue, violet-green, slate, violets, also breeder prs., \$50-\$2000/pr. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

**Wanted:** parrot finches, both blue headed or tri color, also looking for owl finches. Carroll Perioux, Baton Rouge; (225) 272-5690.

## POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Male red gold pheasant, 1 yr., \$30; taking orders for wood ducks, mandarins, pintails, mallards, blk. belly tree ducks & Canadian geese. Nelson Simoneaux, Maurepas; (225) 698-9497.

**Jumbo Pharaoh** quail, live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$20/doz.; eggs, \$1/doz.; pickled eggs, \$5/jar, newly hatched chicks, 75¢/1. Casey Gremillion, Marksville; (318) 563-4895 or (318) 481-4906.

**Fresh yard** eggs, \$1.25/doz. Charles Anderson, Minden; (337) 377-1009.

**Pharaoh quails,** golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown,  $35\phi$ -\$1.5/1; eggs,  $15\phi$ /1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz.; Muscovy ducks, \$7/1; button quail eggs,  $15\phi$ /1 Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

**Super large** quail, Pharaoh & Manchurian golden, hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S&H. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

**Jumbo Pharaoh** quail, dressed, \$25/doz.; week-old chicks, \$75/100; day-old chicks, \$40/100; hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickling eggs, \$10/100. Danny Comeaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-4194 or (337) 658-9744.

Large redwood cabinet electronic incubator, holds 1000 eggs, all 22 cages, w/water containers & feeders, would like to sell all at one time. Marie Saucier, Cottonport; (318) 876-2378.

**Blue Quakers**, breeder female, \$400; blue male, w/blue female pr., \$800; blue female, w/split to blue male pr., \$650; pallid blue w/blue split to pallid male pr., \$1400. Mildred Richmond, Logansport; www.bluequakers2000.com or (318) 697-7241.

**Young wh.** mute swans, '05 hatch, \$200/1. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

**Chicks from** brown egg layers, \$1/1; fertilized brown chicken eggs, for hatching, \$1.5/doz.; baby ducks, \$1/1; fert. duck eggs, \$2/doz. Ervin Crawford, Hammond; (225) 294-3767.

**Jumbo Pharaoh** quails, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$28/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

**Dutch bantam** chickens, good layers/producers, great temperaments, priced by age, young, when avail., \$4/1; adults, \$10/1. Beverly Bell, Destrehan; (985) 725-0629.

**Large redwood** cabinet-type electronic Humidaire incubator, w/auto turners, excel. cond., \$550. Lance Gauthier, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8343.

**Mallard ducks,** eggs, babies & mallard flyers, 50¢-\$10/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

**Baby & grown** ducks, crested blue & wh. Swedish, Peking, fawn runners & cayugas, \$4/1 or \$3/1 if (10) or more purchased. Janice Pecora, St. Francisville; (225) 635-2297.

Guineas, hatching every weekend, great for eating bugs, unwanted grass & weed seeds, \$5/1. Karla Boquet, Houma; (985) 868-8803.

Adult roosters, medium sized, full grown, \$2/1. Garrie Landry, Franklin; (337) 828-5957.

**(8) Wh. doves,** \$10/1; (2) lacey Wyandotte hens, \$7/1, 2 miles east of Wilmer. L. Brooks, Kentwood; (985) 747-8702.

**BBR bantams,** \$12/pr or hens, \$10/1; roosters, \$5/1; silver laced Wyandotte roosters & hens, \$8/1. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**Bobwhite quail** eggs, Georgia giant, \$35/100. Preston Mire, Crowley; (337) 783-6635.

**Pb bantam** chicks, \$1.5/1-up; Rhode Island Red chicks, \$1.5/1. W. Lee Wise, Saline; (318) 576-3220.

Aracauna pullets, \$5/1; barred rock cockerels, \$3/1; BBR chicks, \$2/1; barred rock chicks, \$2/1. Terry Moore, Prairieville; (225) 622-0704.

**Large Pharaoh** & golden Manchurian baby quails, 30¢/1; adults, \$2/1; fertile eggs, \$10/100. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

**Brooder w/feeders,** (2) cages underneath, also on stand & wheels, \$50. Dalton Morvant, Kaplan; (337) 643-8459.

**White leghorn** chickens, all layers, \$5/1. Sheri Kelly, Loranger; (985) 507-3254 or (985) 878-3095.

Wanted: dbl. yolk chicken eggs, will buy fair quantity. Leo Lyncker, Kenner; (504) 712-0948.

**Wanted:** pb black, rose comb bantam hens, reasonably priced, within 50 miles. Bernard Olivier, Crowley; (337) 581-1599.

**Wanted:** pintail, wood ducks, teal, spoonbill or any other wild ducks, within 50 miles of Mamou. Tanner Fontenot, Mamou; (337) 468-3346.

Wanted: cabinet type incubator, w/auto turner, within 75 miles of Opelousas. James Brown, Opelousas; (337) 363-1824.

Wanted: wood ducks & Mandarin ducks, in the vicinity of Mandeville, Folsom, Covington, Lacombe or Slidell, will pay \$45/pr. John Ernst, Jr., Mandeville; (985) 892-9723.

#### **PIGEONS**

**White homers,** singles, \$5/1; prs., \$12/1. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

White king pigeons, \$5/1. Jerry Smith, Rayne; (337) 264-9801.

Utility kings, not mated, \$3/1, in lots of (10). Lloyd Menard, Eunice; (337) 457-3959.

White fantail pigeons, \$5/1 or \$4/1 if 10 or more taken. Stanley Messer, St. Landry; (318) 838-2273.

**Racing homers,** \$5/1 or \$10/prs.; Birmingham rollers, \$5/1 or \$10/prs., fantails, \$6/1 or \$12/prs. D. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225)

**American giant** homing pigeons, \$10/1. W. Lee Wise, Saline; (318) 576-3220.

**Texan pioneer** auto sexing pigeons, 3-5 mos., dewormed & ready to be paired up, \$20/pr. Presley Hebert, Youngsville; (337) 856-6135.

## RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

**NZW, NZR,** MS, Calif. & San Juan, various ages, \$6/1-up, call before 7 p.m. Gerald or Caroline Porche, Port Allen; (225) 241-1361 or (225) 603-9740.

**NZW, Netherland** dwarfs, NZW & checkered giant crosses, custom cages, \$10/1-up. Lucille McBride, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**Big breed** rabbits, bred does or ready to breed, \$8/1; baby rabbits,

\$5/1-up. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**Wanted:** NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite; (504) 432-2170.

#### RATITES

**Wanted:** baby emus or eggs. R. J. Seibert, Braithewaite; (504) 421-4044.

### DEER & EXOTICS

Whitetail deer, bred does, \$400; yrlgs., \$200. Larry Bilbo, Covington; (985) 892-4458.

Water buffalo, \$500/1-up. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

**Whitetail buck,** 5 yrs., 130", 8 pt. at 4 yrs., \$900. Wade Sullivan, Castor; (318) 544-2855.

**Fallow, blk.** buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375 or (850) 519-1129

**Wanted:** buffalo bull, 2-4 yrs. Elton Paul, Pitkin; (318) 634-5266.

### AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

**Blue Catfish,**  $25\phi/1$ ; channel catfish,  $20\phi/1$ ; bluegill,  $20\phi/1$ ; hybrid bluegill,  $25\phi/1$ ; Chinquapin,  $25\phi/1$ ; bass,  $50\phi/1$ -up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

#### FARM SERVICES

**Earthwork**, clearing, drainage & underground utilities services, fully insured. David Vanmol, Lecompte; (318) 308-4829 or (318) 776-4828.

Wild hog removal, 7 days a week, between 6 a.m. & 9 p.m. Charlie Canizaro, Ponchatoula; (985) 320-4267 or (985) 370-0533.

**Dog training,** obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

**Wanted:** house to be moved, vicinity of Washington Parish. Bill Farrington, Franklinton; (504) 846-8097 or (504) 733-3872.

#### RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

**Washington Parish,** 136-acre cattle ranch, rolling land, 3 ponds, 2 barns, steel corrals, \$2400/acre, adjacent home & equip. shed on 10

acres also for sale. Charles Hincks, Franklinton; (985) 848-5716.

**24 acres on** Hwy 418, across from Old River in Innis, La, fenced-in pasture land, w/lots of pecan trees, \$3000/acre. Chris Bordelon, Baton Rouge; (225) 939-3797.

#### SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

(25) windmill palms, in gal. pots, \$6/1. E. J. Johnson, Bunkie; (318) 346-6789.

**Purple bean** & red/wh. cypress vine, birdseye ornamental peppers, wh./pink Confederate rose, bi-color 4 o'clocks, long handle & cucuzza gourds, fancy red bush cherry, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Yellow iris** plants, you dig, \$1/per shovel full. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

**Birdhouse & dipper** gourd, cushaw green stripe, 30-seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**2004 Hot Peter** pepper seeds, 50-seed pkt., \$1/pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash. St., Crowley, LA 70526; (337) 783-2042.

**Pine straw,** machine baled premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/bale, at barn. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

**Wanted:** periwinkles, pure white, red or wh. red dot in center, will accept plants or seeds. Susie Wilhite, Monroe; (318) 325-8306.

## TREES & FRUITING VINES

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1; 10 varieties, SASE for list; Elliott pecan, 3', 6-gal., grafted, \$25 at place. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Magnolia, large. wh. flowers, loquat, Japanese plum, 7-gal., \$15/1; Brison blackberry, at place, \$4/1. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Tomato plants,** BHN 640 & stiletto bell pepper, 4" pot, \$1.5, at place. J. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Cypress trees**, 5'-7' tall, \$11/1; less than 5' tall, \$9/1. D. Bordelon, Ponchatoula; (985) 345-4280.

Raintrees, \$3/1-up; bi-color Confederate rose, \$5-\$10/1; butterfly bush, \$8/1; sweet lemon, \$5/1; red 7 sisters, \$6/1; cassia, \$10/1; wh. & yellow peach, \$5-\$10/1; loquat, \$5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Fig trees,** some rare, \$10/1; pomegranate, jujube & goumi berry, \$10/1, in 1-gal. pots. W. Lee Wise, Saline; (318) 576-3220.

**Chinese parasol,** used for shade at Audubon Zoo, large leaves, grows to 30', in gal. pots, 36", at

place, \$5/1. Laura Dovalina, Metairie; (504) 831-2833.

All kinds of trees, bushes, shrubs, flowering plants & lilies, all are in pots, \$1-\$10/1; live oaks, 6'-8', in 25-gal. pots, \$30/1; purple magnolias, 6'+, in 15-gal. pots, \$20/1, send SASE for list. Lee Cook, 56463 Hwy. 445, Husser, LA, 70442; (985) 748-7043.

**Southern magnolias,** \$5-\$15/1; Celeste & brown turkey fig, \$8/1; Japanese plum, \$5/1; jelly palms, \$8-\$12/1; Japanese yew bushes, \$5-\$15/1; monkey grass, 3 qt. tufts, \$1/1; Chinese fan plums, \$15/1. J. Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

**Banana trees,** large variety, you dig, \$2/1. George Pousson, Iota; (337) 779-3143.

Thornless blackberries, 2-gal. containers, \$6-\$20/1; fig trees, \$4-\$6/1; crape myrtles, 3-gal., \$8/1; azaleas, 3-gal., \$7.5/1; oleanders, 5' tall, \$8/1. Richard Satterly, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also select mulberry, crabapple, Mexican plum, American plum, native magnolia, burr oak, \$10-\$35/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

#### BEES/HONEY

**Wanted:** source for raw honey, near Baton Rouge or New Orleans. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

#### HAY & GRAIN

**1st cutting,** Alicia/Clover mix, sq. bales, new crop, you load, \$3/1; '04 season, 5x5 rd. bales, under shed, we load, \$25/1. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

**2005 Rye** grass, soil tested, well fert. & limed, sq. bales horse hay, stored in barn, \$3/1. Mike Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

**2004 Bahia** rd. bales, well fert., limed & cured, stored in barn, \$25/1. Harold Parker, Independence; (985) 878-2067.

**Alfalfa hay,** 70-80 lb. bales, wire tied, fine stem, leafy, \$10/1; 4x5 rolls, '05 rye/clover, excel. quality, in barn, \$40/1, del. avail. J. Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

**Alfalfa horse** quality hay, from Kansas, sq. bales, \$8.5/1 or \$8/1 if (50) or more bales purchased. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

**Sq. bales,** stored in barn, first cut '05, (420) bales, first come, first served, \$3/1 or \$140/50 bales. Ronald Cole, Jr., Basile; (337) 457-0665 or (337) 580-1685.

**2004 Bahia hay**, in shed, on pallets, well fert., \$25/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Pensacola Bahia** grass, 1st cutting, weed free, fert., fine stem, tight sq. bales, in field, \$3.5/1; in barn, \$4/1. David Joiner, Loranger; (985) 878-6734 or (985) 878-9002.

**Fert. Bahia**, 4x5 rd. bales, cond., cut & cured, \$15/1, discount on (20) or more bales. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

## TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

**MF dozer 200,** Perkins diesel engine, 6-way blade, & PTO, \$6500; long trac., 360 w/6' bush hog, new tires, p/s, \$6200. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

**7' Sidewinder** pasture clipper, tire driven, tag-a-long, \$1100; Clark 6000 lb. forklift, Perkins, diesel engine, \$4500. Barbara Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

**JD 1010,** gas, overhauled, w/5' bush hog, fair cond., \$3200 obo. Stanley Prejean, Eunice; (337) 546-6162.

**Int. cub trac.,** w/belly mower, 12 volt system, \$1600. Louis Edwards, Hammond; (985) 419-9315.

Ford 3000 diesel trac., 40 PTO hp, 8 spds., p/s, \$4600; Mitsubishi, 4 cyl. diesel, 29 hp, low hrs., \$4500; Yanmar diesel trac., w/loader, 24 hp, \$4900. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

**Fert. dist.** & planter, for JD 40, M or other JD 2 cyl. tracs., \$200; parts for W/A hippers, potato diggers, cult shanks, toolbars, 3 pt. hitches & other farm tools, \$5/1-up. E. J. Johnson, Bunkie; (318) 346-6789.

**JD 4840,** power shift, duals, good rubber, c/h/a, 8500 hrs., good trac., \$10,000. Herb Doucet, Jennings; (337) 275-0173 or (337) 824-0235.

**1996 NH** 4630 trac., 55 PTO hp, 1000 original hrs., dual hyds., canopy, excel. cond., \$12,900. Harold Parker, Independence; (985) 878-2067.

**Bionic type** grader blades, new 5', \$575; 6', \$660; 7', \$784; 7' commercial, \$1250. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

**Antique horse**-drawn plows, middle busters & side harrows, \$175/1. Melvin Bell, Kinder; (337) 738-2781.

**10' cultipacker,** good cond., \$500; 3 pt. dirt scoop, good cond., \$100. Josh Semien, Opelousas; (337) 543-7522 or (337) 308-0779.

**6-row lay-by** chemical rig, \$400; 6-row Glenco cult., \$400; 12-row broadcast chemical rig, hyd. fold, \$400; 4-row hyd. row markers, \$400; IH 500 disc, 4-row, \$400. J. M. Blaney, Jr., Harrisonburg; (318) 744-5705.

**TO30 Ferguson,** \$1400; 6' Woods bush hog, good shape, \$550. J. Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Hitachi EX60 trackhoe, 1800 hrs., 18,000 lbs., new cond., \$25,000; Ford 5610 cab & air, excel. cond., \$13,000; 40' Land Plane, excel. shape, \$4500; '94 JD 4960, 4x4, cab/air, ready to work, \$38,000. Tommy Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

10' Bush hog, like new, \$3000; 2-ton fert. spreader, \$2000; (3) tracs., \$3500-\$6500; NH sq. baler, \$3500; side mt. mower, heavy duty, \$4500; JD 535 rd. baler, field ready, \$7500; track hoe, \$25,000. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

**Kubota L245,** 25 hp PTO, very good tires, 746 hrs., high/low

range, have manual, very good cond., \$4000. Thomas Cornwell, Hammond; (504) 416-1548.

**3'x7' drag** harrow, built on 2 7/8" pipe frame, on 3 pt. hitch, 5" teeth on bottom, good for pens, arenas & dirt work, \$250. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

**4020 JD trac.,** good cond., w/quick hitch, dual rear hyd. SCV, new main hyd. pump, \$8500. Neil Speyrer, Plaucheville; (318) 359-

**IH 706, LPG,** wide front end, needs work, 6-row cult., rolling cult., crop maker, JD 7100 planters, w/monitors, \$3500/all. Percell Green, Rayeville; (318) 728-6966.

**JD 4840,** power shift, mounted chemical spray tanks, c/h/a, dual 20.8 rear tires, ready to work, \$14,000 obo; JD 9910, cotton picker parts, any or all, \$2000 or will take 8' or 10' pasture clipper in trade. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

**MF 283,** 65 PTO hp, 2 remotes, 1765 hrs., \$11,500; 8' Vicon CM2400 hay cutter, \$5500; NH 650 rd. baler, \$6000; Walton 3 pt. V-rake, \$500. D. Wilson, Slaughter; (225) 683-3044 or (225) 978-5699.

**Ford 552 rd.** baler, good cond., w/hyd. tie, makes 6'x4' & 6'x5' bales, kept under shed, \$2750. Oren Summers, Morrow; (318) 939-2328.

Ford 8210, 110 hp, MFWD trac., cab/air, quick disconnect front-end loader, 2 remotes, 5000 hrs., good cond., \$18,500. Paul Smith, Gueydan; smithfarms@apgwireless.com or (337) 536-6432.

**Howse disc** harrow, 6'-20", notched blades, bearings, square tubing frame, adjustable gangs, kept inside, 3 pt. hitch, \$800. T. Boyles, Raceland; (985) 537-6346.

Concrete breaker for backhoe/trackhoe, self contained, \$3000; 48" JD self propelled comm. mower, \$850. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

**1948 F Cub** trac., runs well, 4' mower, \$1000. Ricky Daigle, Church Point; (337) 684-3529 or (337) 319-3217.

JD 4420 combine, w/216 flex head, \$4500; JD 4-row 7100 plateless planters, \$1200; JD 6 bottom turning plow, \$1200; Allis Chalmers, 21' disc, \$600. Jay Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189.

JD 960 24' field cult., \$2800; JD 4-row floating pick up disc, w/jumbo gandy chem. boxes, used 1 yr., all bearings & blades new, \$3500. J. Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189.

3000 Ford trac., 8 spd. forward/2 reverse, new tires, hyd. lift & PTO, all in perfect cond., excel. trac., \$4000. Leo Rose, Pearl River; (504) 271-4911.

**Mohawk shredder,** 8', 3 pt. hitch, new deck, \$1500. Darwin Nichols, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0704.

**Hayforks,** will lift 4x5, 5x5 or 6x6 bales, will hookup to any trac., new, \$160. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**MF trac.,** 18 yrs., excel. cond., kept under shade, no rust, used only for large yard & extras,

\$3500. L. Bordelon, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3989 or (337) 802-2572.

MF 261 diesel trac., \$8500; 5' Woods finish mower, \$850; Case/IH 585 trac., w/bush hog loader, \$10,500. D. Manuel, Longville; (337) 725-6676.

Minneapolis-Moline G-1350, 140 hp, dual tires, LPG, \$4000; Case stationary engine, 50 hp, LPG, 540 PTO, \$1500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

**7710 Ford trac.**, cab/air, needs work, \$12,000; 540 Hesston baler, 4x4, \$4000; 10' NH fluffer, 3 pt. hitch, \$2200. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**Int. 140,** w/tools, \$3200; 1-row riding digger, \$4500; potato crates, 75¢/1; 4-row A&W hipper forklift mast, 3 pt. hitch chisel plow, 2-row potato planter. Daniel LaGorde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

**678 NH baler,** 5x5, like new, hardly used, \$15,000 nego. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**NH 25D trac.**, 188 hrs., \$9000. Beverly Armond, Moreauville; (318) 997-2317.

**NH 463 8'** disc cuter, excel. cond., always shedded, extra blades, \$3800. Vince Sagnibene, Palmetto; (337) 945-4039.

7' Woods bush hog, w/3 pt. hookup, drag type, \$1200; 13' Bush Hog brand cutter, model 160, \$3000; 8' JD disc, pull-type, new bearings, \$1500; JD bush hog, good cond., new paint, \$500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Case 580 CK backhoe, new paint, \$8000; 4 cyl. Perkins diesel engine, w/hydraulic pump, \$2000; Minneapolis-Moline trac., model G 1000, \$4000; 6' pull-type bush hog, \$400. F. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

NH 638 baler, \$10,000; Kuhn 700 GMD II cutter, \$4500; JD 720 hay wagon, hauls 11 rd. bales, \$1200; NH 256 side del. rake, needs repair, have parts, \$400. Mark Vining, Amite; (985) 748-8524 or (985) 748-7648.

JD 430 trac., \$4000; Ford 3000 gas trac., \$3700; Farmall 130 hiclear trac., w/garden tools, \$2500; 1-row choppers, on 3 pt., toolbar, \$300. Kenneth Perrodin, Ville Platte; (337) 831-1251.

1987 Int. combine, Navistar engine, burns no oil, 25' platform, 4034 hrs., \$20,000 nego; '79 GMC tandem truck w/new roll tarp, \$3500. Richard Frey, Roanoke; (337) 753-2561.

Case Vas trac. & 4' bush hog, good running cond., \$2000. E. J. Melancon, Rayne; (337) 334-5939.

**Used 8N Ford** hyd. pump, \$350; trans. assembly, \$600; new fenders, \$65; cyl. head, \$75; 190XT diesel head, \$200. James Degeyter, Arnaudville: (337) 754-7682.

**Case IH 3800,** 21' disc, hyd. fold, very good cond., \$3000. Gill Pias, Evergreen; (318) 359-1249.

**MF 231-5 diesel** trac., 42 PTO hp, 235 hrs., like new, w/6' bush hog, \$11,600. Kenneth Sharp, Folsom; (985) 630-3099 or (985) 796-3645.

(2) 25 hp Satoh tracs., gas, some new parts, very good cond., \$2500/1; homemade tilt trac. trailer, \$500. Ed Pontiff, Chauvin; (985) 594-7866 or (985) 594-3836. **271 GM power** unit, good cond., \$3000. Kendall Broussard, Kaplan; (337) 643-6737 or (337) 258-9158.

**Cub belly** mower, good cond., \$350. Don Stokes, Anacoco; (337) 239-4091.

Allis Chalmers HD6 dozer, \$6800 cash or trade for motor grader or rubber tire hoe of equal value. J. Soileau, Pine Prairie; (337) 599-3195.

**1999** Class Rollant 66 baler, baled approx. 1000 bales, \$10,000; Class cutter, w/conditioner, 4 yrs., \$6500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

Row hillers, on toolbar, \$285; 1-row turning plow, 3 pt. hitch, \$100; 4' bush hog, \$200; toolbar, \$100. F. A. Andries, Pollock; (318) 765-9260

**6' Bush Hog** brand mower, new 1/8" plate housing, new stump jumper, gearbox & drive in excel. cond., \$1150. Jerry Duhon, Sulphur; (337) 583-7233.

**Kubota B1700** diesel trac., only has 531 hrs., mint cond., w/grooming mower, grader box & tiller, \$7000; Bolens Iseki diesel trac., 2 cyl., 4 wd, 3 pt. hitch, in excel. cond., \$3500. Harold Yantis, Zachary; (225) 654-4220.

**Ford 3600** diesel trac., w/6' rotary cutter, all in excel. cond., new rubber, \$6500. H. Yantis, Zachary; (225) 654-4220.

NH 851 hay baler, hyd. tie, field ready, \$1500; NH 56 roller bar rake, field ready, \$750; NH 315 sq. baler, field ready, \$2500; IH super AV trac., front & rear lift, \$1200. Michael Dupre, Washington; (337) 826-5941.

**JD 4020 trac.,** w/Doz-All, dozer blade, 2-post canopy, '71 model, Sync. range gears, repainted, dual side remotes, must see, \$10,000. Scott Manuel, Oberlin; (337) 639-2430.

**JD model M,** \$600; JD model MT, middle busters, \$100. James Ryder, Pollock; (318) 765-3291.

Case 580B loader backhoe, good cond., ready to work, \$8000. Marty Roberts, Mount Hermon; (985) 839-0046.

**MF 31, 55 hp,** diesel, p/s, 1 owner, only 700 hrs., \$4500. Tony Rougeau, Eunice; (337) 580-2539 or (337) 457-9856.

**4-post canopy,** factory made, fits Ford 4610 trac., \$200. Buford Landreneau, Washington; (337) 363-8095.

**1466** Int., 165 hp, \$6000. Thomas Ortolano, Evergreen; (318) 346-4303.

**JD 450 C dozer,** excel. shape, \$16,000; 28' tandem dually, hyd. dovetail trailer, \$4000. Ronald Paul, Jena; (318) 992-3353.

**848** NH hay baler, 462 NH hay cutter, 8' 56 NH hay rake, ready to bale, \$3000/all. C. B. Hallum, Eunice; (337) 501-7173.

**Snapper lawn** mower, 10/28, 1 yr. old, \$850 nego; Farmall AV high crop, wide front, 26 hp, tools, bush hog included, runs great, good tires, \$2150. Mike Burleigh, Washington; (337) 826-6007.

**806 Int. diesel**, 80 hp, w/heavyduty bush hog, good cond., \$6000; 4000 Ford diesel, 52 hp, w/bush hog, \$6500. Scott Hebert, Eunice; (337) 302-3685 or (337) 432-5104. **1-row cult.,** w/3 pt. hookup, \$85;

1 full set cub cult. arms, \$550; 2 ½ sets cult. front arms, \$250/1; 6' offset disc, w/3 pt. hookup, \$600; yellow & wh. Cub trac., w/choice of belly mower or plow arms, \$2100. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Kumatsu D20A dozer, w/6-way 7' blade, low hrs., \$8900; Mitsubishi dozer, w/6-way 7' blade, low hrs., power shift, \$10,900; Ford 3930 diesel trac., w/canopy & shuttle, 8 spds., 45 PTO hp, \$10,900. D. Barrere, Bordelonville; (318) 997-2581.

**Side Winder** 7' pull bush hog, tire driven, excel. shape, \$1200. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

**Covington fertilizer** side dresser, 1-row, 3 pt. hitch, w/sweeps & plows, \$350. S. Gauthier, Kaplan; (337) 643-6041.

**Like new FX** 20 Yanmar trac., w/new front-end loader, power shift, 3 cyl., 27 hp, 525 hrs., \$6500. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

(2) 29x12.00-15 tires, on universal rims, for front, \$200. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240

**15' Ammco** disc, good cond., \$1500 obo. Ralph Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

**NH 847 rd.** hay baler, hyd. tie, \$2500; NH 850 rd. hay baler, \$1500, both barn kept & field ready. Jonathan Smith, Jonesville; (318) 339-6930.

**140 Farmall,** \$11,800; 35 Ferguson, \$2500; 9N Ford, \$2500, all in excel. shape. Kenneth Clifton, Sikes; (318) 628-6109.

990 David Brown diesel trac., cracked block, not frozen, to repair or for parts, \$1000. Tony Mac, Pride; (225) 654-6279 or (225) 936-6613.

1998 Case IH 2388 combinerice special, w/25' header, 1010 model, Case IH header trailer for 25' header, rotor separator, 1689 hrs. & engine has 2534 hrs., field ready, on 20.5x35 R2 tires, \$65,000 firm. Mike Habetz, Crowley; (337) 581-9713 or (337) 788-1931.

**7' Bush hog,** 3 pt., heavy-duty, very good cond., \$1000; heavy-duty hay fork, very strong 3 pt., \$250. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

**Red Cub** trac. & belly mower, \$1600 or trade for 8N or 9N trac. Jimmy Howell, Clarence; (318) 352-2075.

**Kubota L-3000** DT 4 wd, frontend loader, less than 1 yr., 20 hrs., \$13,500. Bill Pellerin, Alexandria; (318) 445-1907.

**5' bush hog,** all new iron & paint, \$700. Scott Isgitt, Many; (318) 256-0431.

Stirex brand hay rake, 10 wheels, on caddy, \$1200. Charles Braddock, Grayson; (318) 649-2081.

**Hay cutter,** 5' Vicon CM165, \$800; hay rake, ground driven, \$400. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

IH 1460 combine, specialty rotor, rebuilt, w/820 header, \$7500; IH 490 disc, 25', \$2200; 1 set of 250-gal. poly tanks & racks for Case Magnum, \$700. Derek Dauzat, Marksville; (318) 253-5386.

IH 5488 trac., c/a, new tires & engine, \$10,995; Forrest City field cult., 26 pt., field ready, \$2000. James Stacy, Natchitoches; (318) 352-3692.

**Log loader,** 24' boom on truck chassis, gas powered, working, but needs repair, \$2800. Carl Nabours, Lake Charles; (337) 912-4880.

**Vermeer rd.** baler, model 605-D baler, makes large bales, \$2800. Henry Urban, Kentwood; (985) 229-2832.

**Wanted:** 3 pt. quick hitch, for 30 hp trac. D. Cowart, Jonesville; dcowart98@yahoo.com or (318) 339-8417.

**Wanted:** sickle mower, 3 pt. hitch or side mount, working cond. or not. Charles Champagne, Cecilia; (337) 923-7531 ext. 26 or (337) 667-7398.

**Wanted:** rear wheel weights to fit 38" steel JD wheels, prefer 3 each side. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538.

**Wanted:** used NH or JD sq. baler, field ready. Johnny Howell, DeRidder; (337) 462-4861.

**Wanted:** JD 4230, 4-post canopy, good cond. Chris Meche, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5041.

Wanted: 36" bucket for Komatsu PC, 75UU, also 24" bucket for KX71. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles; (337) 437-1143 or (337) 526-1102.

Wanted: front axle for a 60 yr. old JD trac., model 60. D. Broussard, Maurice; (337) 893-3806

**Wanted:** 1-row hipper, for 30 hp trac., w/3 pt. hitch. Carroll Songy, Loranger; (985) 902-9073.

Wanted: Case 450 dozers, any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 592-0170

**Wanted:** box blade, 5'6", 6'6" or 7', w/lever operated retractable scarifier teeth. Robert LeMaster, Sr., Summit, MS; (601) 684-4540.

**Wanted:** cutting deck, for JD III riding mower. Troy Sarver, Rayne; (337) 334-2990.

**Wanted:** trac., in good cond., to work 20+ acres, would like something in 70 hp range. Ed Gonzales, Estherwood; (337) 785-8055.

**Wanted:** 5' or 6' disc, for 3 pt. hookup. C. J. Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

**Wanted:** 1-row, pull-type corn picker. B.T. Zisk, Pearl River; (985) 863-7909.

**Wanted:** 65-125 4x4, JD trac., w/front-end loader, JD 450 dozer, for parts, any cond. Kevin Murphy, Folsom; (985) 796-9681.



**2002 Sierra** GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 53K miles, bed liner & rails, \$11,900. Martin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865 or (337) 360-6075.

1973 C60 Chevrolet Bobtail, 366 industrial engine, 17' steel bed, 2 spd. rear end, \$1200; '86 GMC bobtail, 427 engine, 20' steel bed, 2 spd. rear end, air brakes, \$3800.

Jay Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189.

**1994 Freightliner,** single axle, sleeper, very vice, \$8500. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688

**Steel truck** body 8'x22', w/steel roller on back, \$1000; steel body 94''x15', \$500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

**2002 Dodge** 3500 turbo diesel, quad cab, auto w/overdrive, heavy-duty towing pkg., 105-gal. auxiliary, tank w/elec. pump & toolbox, \$18,000 obo. Ivan Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

1983 Jeep pickup, 4 wd, high & low range, Warn winch, 366 18, (4) new S/M tires, great cond., \$7500 obo. I. Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

**1994 Direct** inject turbo diesel, 185,000 miles, manual 5 spd., heat/air, radio & cassette all good, \$4000. Robert Bozeman, Belmont; (318) 256-5781.

(4) '03 Chevy Silverado truck tires & rims, w/6-holes, Goodyear P245/75 R16 tires, good cond., \$250. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**Cushman utility** truck, 4 cyl., gas, 3 spd. standard, runs good, off road use only, \$2200 obo. Sandra Prejean, Eunice; (337) 546-6162.

1999 Mack 460 hp, 13 spd., 1998 30' Clement tri-axle steel dump, w/new liner & hyd. ram, 1 owner & shed kept, \$35,000. H. Deshotels, Ville Platte; (337) 468-4404.

1997 Chevy 1-ton pickup, LWB, rack, w/winch, straps, new brakes, good cond., \$2500. Mike or Ralph, Alexandria; (318) 443-0411, (800) 425-9087 or info@mcneallumber.com

1995 Ford F-150 XLT extended cab pickup, loaded, like new cond., blk., w/red cloth, Tommy-lift & new tailgate, bumper & bedliner, \$6000, or w/out lift, \$5500. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

**1997 F-250** 4x4 Supercab XLT, V8, auto, loaded, captain's chairs, towing pkg., limited slip, original owner, fiberglass camper, 103,600 miles, very clean, \$9990. Ray McClain, Crowley; (337) 783-0933.

**20' flat, steel** truck bed, galv. floor, w/cab protector, \$500. E. J. Johnson, Bunkie; (318) 346-6789.

**Husky winch,** 10,000 lbs., 12' remote control, 3/8"x90' wire rope, excel. cond., \$500, call after 5 p.m. Claude Ouellette, Eunice; (337) 457-4399.

**1988 Ford** F-250, for parts, good diesel engine, 7.3, w/145,000 miles, \$800. James Templet, Napoleonville; (985) 713-9539.

**1984 Mack** trac. truck, model R686ST, 278,000 miles, 400 hp, new paint, very good shape, \$12,000. Thomas Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

**1991 Ford F-350** XLT, 7.3L diesel, dually, auto trans., 148,000 miles, rancher steel bed, gooseneck & bumper hitches, excel. cond., \$6400. John Mailhes, Keithville; (318) 925-0898.

**1994 Ford** F-250 turbo diesel, 2 wd, new turbo, \$4000 nego. T. Bordelon, Moreauville; (318) 997-

1989 Ford L-8000 single-axle dump truck, 7.8 Ford 6 cyl. diesel engine, 10 spd. Fuller trans., 260,000 miles, very good cond., \$12,000 obo. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (985) 345-1128 or (985) 974-0966.

**Wanted:** '02 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup, w/ex. cab, 350 V8, 5 spd. manual, air & towing pkg. Robert LeMaster, Sr., Summit, MS; (601) 684-4540.



(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1500. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

**2-horse slant** trailer, \$2500; 38' flatbed tandem dual, \$4500. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

**2-horse trailer,** Turnbow brand, bulldog hitch, spring ramp load, 2-walk in doors, fiberglass body, ready to haul, \$1500 firm. Lawrence Dartez, Kaplan; (337) 643-8525.

**1999** WW 16' stock trailer, center gate, back slide gate, emergency exit, excel. cond., kept in barn, bumper pull, \$3000. Leo Rose, Pearl River; (504) 271-4911.

**Cattle trailer**, 5'x12' bumper pull, bar top, \$1000. Darwin Nichols, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0704.

**Trailer for storage,** 8'x30', w/2 doors, \$1000. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

**1991 Clement** steel 24' dump trailer, very good shape, w/tarp, \$9000. Thomas Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

**1984 Shoals,** 3 axle folding neck lowboy, with out riggers, \$12,000; '84 Palmer steel 22' dump trailer, w/tarp, very good shape, \$7000. T. Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

**2000 gooseneck** Featherlite, 3-horse slant, complete living quarters, 4' short wall, \$18,000. Randell Guillory, Iowa; (337) 302-3822 or (337) 474-0916.

**Mini & pony** size 2-wheel carts, mini wooden wheel wagon, \$400/1-up. Darron Cunningham, Albany: (225) 567-9594.

**1978 Class** A Winnebago 45,000 miles, runs great, new commode, holding tanks, new engine parts, Onan generator, awning, etc., \$3700. Pat Swido, Marksville; (318) 447-1842.

**2005 Ponderosa** trailers, 16'x6'x6'6' bumper pull, \$3388; 16'x6'x6'6' gooseneck, \$4288; rd. pens, all sizes, \$600/1-up. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

**1993 Sundowner** Sunlite, 3-horse alum., slant load, collapsible rear tack, boot box, air/heat strip, new brakes, escape door, excel. shape, \$10,000. Barb Ackerson, Folsom; (985) 796-5070.

**6'x14' single**-axle trailer, pipe railing, 4' folding tailgate ramp, mounted spare tire, hand winch,

3500 lb. axle, all lights, like new, \$850. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

**2001 2-horse** slant trailer, w/tack room, \$2800. Darryl Bertrand, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2260.

**20' dual-axle** flatbed trailer, military hitch, elec. brakes, lights, safety chains, excel. cond., 30,000 lb. rating, \$1500. Mike or Ralph, Alexandria; (318) 443-0411 or (800) 425-9087.

12' stock trailer, used, sliding rear gate, center gate, \$700 obo. Julius Scott, Husser; (985) 969-2065 or (985) 748-4259.

**34' gooseneck** trailer, 8' wide, 3 axles, elec. brakes, w/8000 lb. axles each, ducktail & ramps, w/springs, excel. cond., \$3500; 20' bumper-pull, lowboy trailer, 6'10" wide, 6000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, loading ramps, like new, \$2900. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**2004 18x102x5'** dovetail, heavyduty trailer, brakes on every axle, gooseneck, \$4000. D. Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

1993 Gooseneck brand 32' cattle trailer, no rust, excel. cond., treated wood floors, \$5500. T. Rogers, Lake Arthur; (337) 370-

2003 Dream Coach alum. 2-horse trailer, gooseneck weekender, rear collapsible tack, air/heat, micro, fridge, drop windows, cabinets, loading lights, custom colors outside, beautiful, \$16,800. Thomas Cornwell, Hammond; (504) 416-1548.

**16'x6' heavy-duty** cattle trailer, 2 5/16 gooseneck hookup, good shape, \$1750. John Semien, Opelousas; (337) 543-7522 or (337) 308-0779.

**2000 WW alum.** 2-horse bumper pull, w/saddle comp pads & floor mats, very good cond., \$5200. Fran Lambert, Hessmer; (318) 563-9076.

**Wanted:** feed wagon, in good cond. R. Cancienne, Galliano; (985) 632-5765 or (985) 688-4764.



**Pipe, 2 7/8",** 4 ½", 9 5/8", \$1.5-\$9/ft.; walkie-talkies, 10 radius, P100, w/aux. mike, 1 radius, P110, w/touch pad, chargers, 4 GM300, 1 base station, speakers & antennas, \$3000/all. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

**Livestock scale,** new Paul model 240S, 2400 lb. capacity, 35"x95" platform, \$1900. John Mailhes, Keithville; (318) 925-0898.

**2 7/8" drill pipe,** 90¢/ft.; 55-gal. drums, plastic, \$20/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

(125) 1 qt. canning jars, come pick them up, free. Tee or Glyn Harding, Baker; (225) 261-3164.

**Blacksmith coal,** \$20/per 100 lb. sack. Buddy Leonard, Covington; (985) 892-1137.

**48" single drum** sheep foot roller, pull-type, \$1000; (2) 34-ton Tulsa winch, w/rack, \$500/1; corn crusher, on wheels, w/PTO drive,

\$700. Joseph Delaune, St. Amant; (225) 647-6247.

14 1/2" Sharon Camarillo barrel saddle, sq. skirt, tooled, good shape, \$350. Barb Ackerson, Folsom; (985) 796-5070.

**15** ½" **saddle,** good leather, back girt, \$225. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

**Yamaha 400,** 4 wd, 4 wheeler, runs well, 1600 miles, \$2500. J. Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 478-3125.

**Rebuilt injection** pump & injectors, for Onan engine, model MDJE, excel. shape, \$150. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909

**30'x20'x8'** high greenhouse frame, built out of 1" PVC pipe, \$75; (6) high speed 12" fans, never used, \$200; all new control boxes & other new greenhouse equip. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

**Howard power** arm, model S/12, super C (N), backhoe, operates off trac. 3 pt. hitch, \$1500. Lacey Knight, Lena; (318) 793-2384.

**6.5 diesel complete** engine, broken crank, \$700; 600 lb. sand blasting pot, w/dead man switch, hoses & 150 Sullair diesel air compression air feed hood, \$4000. Guy Barfield, Wisner; (318) 724-6493

Sweetlix molasses tub, 200#, \$40; 10' feed troughs, \$110; 5' feed troughs, \$89; automatic head gate, \$350. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Large assortment of coral panels & gates, 16' panels, \$65.5; 12' panels, \$56; 10' panels, \$54, all 18 gauge. C. Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

**15** 1/2" **Ammerman** team roping saddle, like new, rawhide trim, \$650. Paul Doucet, Sulphur, (337) 583-9590.

**1989 SA 250** Lincoln diesel, new paint, runs well, welds great, \$3300. Allen Fontenot, DeQuincy; (337) 526-9928.

**Polaris Ranger,** 2 yrs., used on farm only, runs & operates great, extra set tires, \$6500. Chris Bordelon, Baton Rouge; (225) 939-3797.

**2003 Miller** Bobcat welder, less than 200 hrs., 10,000 watt generator, 200' of leads, \$2800. Travis LaCour, Eunice; (337) 580-4590 or (337) 550-0511.

**Galv. rd. pens**, 5' tall, all include 4' walk-through bow gate, del. avail, 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 6' tall, w/4' gate, \$900. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

**Galv. corral** panels, del. avail., 5'x10', \$45/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$65/1; 6'x12' heavy duty, \$75/1; 6'x10', \$55/1. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 7 bars, 16 gauge, 40' rd. pen, \$730; 50', \$895; 60', \$1115. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

6"x14"x20' creosoted bridge timbers, good cond., \$45/1. J. Berlin, Pineville; (318) 445-0600.

Snapper riding lawn mower, 33" cut, 14 hp, Kohler engine, w/elec. start, \$800. D. Nichols, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0704.

Western saddle, blk. leather, w/tan suede seat accents, 16" seat, semi bars, 2 yrs., just broken in, lightweight, good general use saddle, \$175. Cathe Charlier, Youngsville: (337) 857-0297.

**2 3/8" tubing,** 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; 3 ½" tubing, \$1.75/ft., small & larger sizes also avail. Terri Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

Cattle guard, extra heavy-duty, make w/railroad railings, approx. 8'x16', \$700. Charles Leger, Port Barre; (337) 585-7393.

15" Wintec trail saddle, like new, \$200. Kelvin Perron, Port Allen; (225) 648-3283.

**55-gal. plastic** feed drums, no chemicals, screw top & snap-on, also makes good dog houses, \$15/1. Ted Tarride, Kentwood; (985) 229-7067.

30"x42" 2 tier rolling tool cart, \$40; air chisel, w/many attachments, \$40; heavy-duty buffer, w/pad, \$50; 1/4" air drill, \$50; orbital sander, w/extra pad, \$40. L. J. Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Alum. grazing bit, \$20; youth stirrups, w/leathers, hangs on saddle, \$20. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

5 ½" steel pipe, over 8' long Great F fencing, \$12 a joint or will fabricate them for you, \$65 & up; 6-drawer metal desk, great for home or shop, \$70. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 334-9272.

Matching pr. of harnesses, like

new, blk. leather, w/silver studs, 16" & 21" collars included, \$700. Casey Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-7066.

Welder, Wisconsin engine, not running, but have all parts, on steel pipe frame, \$100; 22" Honda push mower, very old but cuts & runs \$25. Brett Busbee, well, Covington; (985) 893-5422.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(2) 600-bushel grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Okra cutters, large hand operated, \$130/1. Franklin Courvelle, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Men's 17" Western saddle & stand, good cond., \$100; 15" youth saddle & stand, \$100; 28' wood extension ladder, \$100; liquid feeder, 2 reels, 125-gals., excel. cond., \$100. Leo Rose, Pearl River; (504) 271-4911.

2004 Yellow Honda Rancher, 4 wheeler, 4x4, bought in June, hardly used, excel. cond., need to sell, \$4600. Casey George, Dry Creek; (337) 328-8229.

**New & used** saddles, 15" & 16", \$200-\$350. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

Honda 4-wheeler, 11 mos., yellow, very good cond., \$2400; 5 1/2 hp Craftsman tiller, very good cond., \$200. Pam Courville. Livonia; (225) 637-4969.

(2) 250-gal. galv. spray tanks,

\$300/both; old grist mill, w/belt, \$1500 or trade. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Poulan 3.5 hp, 20" chain saw, motor needs work, \$30. K. Mixon, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3367.

Wanted: new or used T-posts, willing to purchase up to 2000 for \$1/1. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

Wanted: culverts, must be 24" diameter, corrugated or concrete, any lengths. Larry Verret, Arnaudville; (337) 667-6756.



7' Barbecue pit, on wheels, w/(2) doors, (4) slide-out trays, \$1500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Fresh goat cheese, from state licensed dairy & cheese facility, 65¢/oz & up, can ship. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683 or (337) 519-0231.

Goat milk soap, natural & good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, \$4/1. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; Pdavenp913@aol.com or (337) 478-2208.

Wanted: vendors for Saturday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Charlestown Market, 1001 Ryan St., Lake Charles, produce, homemade food items & crafts, baked goods, candies, honey, eggs, etc., every Saturday. Sandra Bullock, Westlake; (337) 436-0579.

Wanted: St. Martinville farmer's market is looking for vendors to attend weekly Sat. morning farmer's market, only homemade/homegrown products, crafts O.K., no vender fee. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683 or (337) 519-0231.

Wanted: old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: old coke machines or signs. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.



The Cajun Canary and Finch Club will host a bird mart and bird craft fair June 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the VFW hall, 3314 Richland, in Metairie. A large assortment of birds, including parrots, cockatiels, canaries will be available. Bird adoption assistance will be given to those who are no longer able to care for their birds. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children 6 years and under. For more information, contact Meade Phelps at (504) 887-0724 or neworleansmeade@cox.net.

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Egg'ceptional Eggs

#### Egg Salad

1 doz. large eggs, hard boiled

3 tbsps. mayonnaise

1 tbsp. yellow mustard

1 tsp. salt

1 can mandarin oranges,

1 large red or green apple, peeled and diced

1 dash Tony's, optional

1 large ripe avocado, diced

3-4 slices cooked bacon, crumbled

Boil, cool and peel eggs. Mash with egg-masher until finely chopped. Stir in mustard, mayonnaise and salt and blend well. Add rest of the ingredients and blend. Serve on toasted bread, with lettuce.

#### Harvest Frittata

1 1/2 cups sliced zucchini 1 cup fresh corn kernels, or 1 8-oz. 4 eggs can whole kernel corn, well-drained 1/4 cup skim milk 1/2 cup chopped sweet red peppers 1/4 cup chopped onion

1 tbsp. water

1/4 cup (1 oz.) low-fat shredded Cheddar cheese

1/4 tsp. oregano leaves, crushed

In 10-inch non-stick skillet, combine vegetables, oregano and water. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until crisptender. Thoroughly blend eggs and milk. Pour over vegetables. Cook over low heat until eggs are almost set. Sprinkle with cheese. Broil about 6 inches from heat until cheese is melted. Cut into wedges and serve from pan or slide from pan onto serving platter.

#### Frosty Blueberry Custard

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries 2 cups buttermilk

1 ½ tbsps. lemon juice

2 envelopes unflavored gelatin 1 (8 oz.) carton non-fat lemon

yogurt, optional 1/2 cup sugar

Set aside 8-10 blueberries for garnish, if desired. Place remaining blueberries in blender container. Set aside. In medium saucepan, beat together eggs, buttermilk, sugar and juice until blended. Sprinkle with gelatin. Let stand 1 minute. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture just coats a metal spoon with a thin film and reaches 160 degrees. Pour over berries in 5-cup mold. Chill until set, several hours or overnight. To serve, unmold on platter. Garnish with yogurt and reserved berries, if desired.

### **Coming Your Way**

**IHC Chapter #31** state show will be held May 13-14 at the Washington Parish Fairgrounds in Franklinton.

The show will feature International Harvester tractors, cadets, trucks, engines and other equipment along with farm-related crafts and parts vendors.

RV hookups are available.

For more information, contact Buddy Banks at (985) 732-3950 or bhbanks@i-55.com, or contact Charlie Stewart at (985) 735-8900.

Louisiana Team Penning Association is holding shows beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 13 and May 27 at T-N-T Arena in Elm Grove.

Benefit shows start at 1 p.m. with double points. Buckles will be presented to high point earners in adult classes and trophy halters with leads to winning teams in all classes except juniors. All junior riders will get a trophy.

For more information, contact Billy at (318) 987-9955, Tammy at (318) 464-3351 email LTAPOINTS@aol.com.

A trail ride to benefit Acadiana Area Special Olympics will be held May 14 & 15 at Cowboys in Scott.

For more information, contact Brenda at brendat@vrml.k12.la.us or Charlie Courville acadianasol@bellsouth.net.

Livingston Horse **Show** Association has shows scheduled for 9 a.m. May 14 and May 28.

Age groups include peanut, peewee, junior and senior. Classes include halter, performance, English and gaited, timed events and novice.

For more information, contact Deloris Senez at (225) 664-3150 or Wanda Johnson at (225) 664-3169.

The Louisiana Grazing Land Management Workshop sponsored by the Imperial-Calcasieu Resource Conservation and Development Council will be held May 19-21 at the Best Western Conference Center in Alexandria.

Topics will include an introduction to management intensive grazing, economics of grazing management, layout and design of grazing systems, and many others.

The workshop fee is \$50 per person and attendance is limited to 100 peo-

For more information, call (337) 824-9533 or (318) 473-7808.

La. American Saddlebred Horse Association Spring Horse Show will be held May 21-22 at Serenity Farms in Folsom.

Classes will include gaited, pleasure, Academy and harness. Open classes are available for other breeds/disciplines.

For more information, contact Barbara Grannan at (985) 893-1880.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association will hold open horse shows May 14, June 4 and June 18 at Shady Park Arena in Baton Rouge.

The shows include Western judged and timed events.

Halter begins at 9 a.m., judged at 10:30 a.m. and speed after 1 p.m.

High point and high point reserve awards will be presented at each show. Points will accrue for end-ofthe-year awards.

For more information, contact Jenny Redhead at (225) 978-2447.

Tri-State Rodeo Association, sponsored by the Greenwell Springs Youth Riders, is hosting its 47th annual rodeo at 8 p.m. May 20-21 at the BREC Greenwell Springs Park Arena in Greenwell Springs.

Events will include bull riding, breakaway roping, calf roping, bareback riding, barrel racing, team roping, saddle bronc riding and calf scramble.

There will be cash prizes and a bicycle give away.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages six to twelve, and free for children five and under.

For more information, contact Kendall Gerald (225) 658-6292.

**Pedersen and Pedersen** Auctions is accepting consignments for its Open Ranch Horse Competition and Sale to be held May 27-28 at the Beauregard Parish Civc Center Arena in DeRidder.

Consignment forms can be downloaded from the Web site, www.pedersenhorseauctions.com.

Sale is open to Quarter Horses, Paints. Thoroughbreds Appaloosas.

To place ads in the sale catalog or reserve vendor's booths contact Cindy Quebedeaux by email cquebedeaux@xspedius.net or phone (337) 494-1333.

For more information, contact Erik Pedersen at (337) 328-8573, Tommy Carson at (337) 263-3317 or Mike Pedersen at (337) 794-5737.

Calcasieu Horseman's Club will host open horse shows May 28, June 4 and July 9 at the Burton Arena in Lake Charles.

The shows are PAC approved and feature four age divisions and classes for special needs riders.

Classes include halter, color, showmanship, leadline, Western and English disciplines, reigning and speed events.

Seven additional shows are planned for the remainder of the year. For more information, contact (337) 528-9441 or (337) 794-0662.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Echo is sponsoring its 5th annual river trail ride beginning at 9:30 a.m. June 4.

Fees are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family. Proceeds go to St. Francis de Sales church.

Overnight camping is available.

For more information, contact A.P. Guillory at (318) 443-2007; Jimmy Stickells at (318) 563-8591; T.F. Lacombe at (318) 563-8253; or Donna and John Roberts at (318) 776-9931.

Triple "R" Riding Club and Avoyelles Council on Aging will host a trail ride to benefit the senior citizens of Avoyelles Parish at 10 a.m. June 11 at Yellow Bayou Park in Simmesport.

The entry fee is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Lunch will be served during the 14-mile

An auction, dinner and dance will follow the conclusion of the ride.

For more information, contact Sabrina Sonnier at (318)253-9771 or (318) 253-8416.

Silver Spur Riders Club will host open horse shows June 18, July 2 and Aug. 27 beginning at 8 a.m. at Burton Coliseum's indoor arena in Lake Charles.

Classes include English, halter, judged Western and speed events.

Stalls, hookups and concessions available.

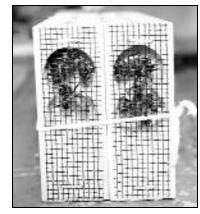
For more information, contact Renee Jordan at (337) 855-3279.

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small three-pound starter packages. The collection process is called shaking.

The Innis yard occupies a small corner of a large cow pasture across the railroad tracks off La. 1. As if to shout, "spring is here," the pasture is painted with sheets of vivid yellow-topped flowers springing up in between the purple clover blooms. Nearby pecan trees, satisfied that the chill of winter is done, are just beginning to sprout their leafy summer dress.

Shaking, as the name implies, actually means shaking excess bees clinging to the individual frames into a rectangular funnel. The funnel pours the bees into a screened crate called a a feeder can of syrup into the package along





Jeremy Bordelon searches for a queen bee on a crowded frame (top right). Bordelon ships multiple queens (below) to beekeepers to expand their hives or a single queen with a starter package (top).

Bordelon and sons are beginning the process of shaking by recovering the individual queens of each hive and stashing them in the smaller, upper frames of the cover. Once the queen has been located and stored, the beekeepers can remove the eight frames of the hives one-byone and shake the excess insects into the package. When the bee level reaches a pre-determined three-pound mark in the screened package, the funnel-entry hole is boarded up tem-

Later, at the bee warehouse, Bordelon inserts

with a fertilized queen, who is caged in a temporary holding capsule complete with food. The starter package is stacked in Bordelon's darkened air-conditioned warehouse until the order is complete.

'We keep it cool and dark in the warehouse to keep the bees quiet until they are delivered," Bordelon explained. "It lengthens their life cycle. The more they work, the shorter their life span..'

For Bordelon to provide starter packages means he must also have the ability to produce a queen for the new hive. This is where a little bit of bee bamboozling comes into

"First you have to remove a queen from a colony," Bordelon explained. "If the hive thinks they don't have a queen they begin furiously feeding a few larvae a lot of royal jelly."

Royal jelly is secreted by the salivary glands of the worker bees and is fed to all young larvae, but copious amounts of royal jelly on an egg will produce a bee of royal blood.

Bordelon nudges the process along by removing normal larvae

from a hive frame and placing them in special short test-tubelooking cylinders on a narrow beam called a queen cell bar. This process is called grafting. The grafted eggs on the queen cell bar are easy to identify, remove and replace during the queen producing process.

When Bordelon places the rack of grafted larvae into a queen-less colony, called a swarm box, the workers immediately begin to feed those cells extra royal jelly. Bordelon keeps several swarm boxes near his shop in a constant queenless state so those hives are con-

tinually working to re-produce a queen. After 1 day in the swarm box, the beekeeper removes the queen cell bar and examines the progress. He also replaces the cell bar with a new one to keep queen production in constant motion.

After culling the one-day-old queen cells from the bar, Bordelon places the superior cells in another hive called a cell builder for 10 days. During this time the individual queen cells continue to be pampered by workers and grow into a cell resembling mini-volcanoes. After the 10 day period, Bordelon removes the cell bar from the cell builder and transfers it to a temperaturecontrolled incubator for a day or so until the queen bees are less than 30 hours from hatch-

It's critical for Bordelon to keep track of the metamorphosis because a newly emerged queen will take drastic measures to eliminate any pretenders to the throne.

"If a single queen emerges in the incubator before the others do, she'll cut a slit in the competing cell and sting the other queens to death," Bordelon explained.

Hopefully, Bordelon will be able to transport the rapidly maturing larvae to his queen yard and place it in a mini-colony before she



The mini-colony, called a nuclei or baby nuke, is a tiny nine-by-twelve-inch version of the full-size hives. The small frames inside, four-by-six inches, are designed for easy handling and to hold queens in the final transformation stage.

The process is a continual repetition of removing and caging the existing fertilized queen in the nuke and replacing her with a new queen cell, which will hatch a virgin queen within 24 hours. As soon as the encapsulated queen emerges from her cell she flies off on a mating flight. She returns a fertilized queen and begins her reign over the hive, which is shortlived because she is quickly replaced and caged in the next queen harvest. The mature harvested queen is then inserted into a starter colony and shipped off to Bordelon's customer.

Bordelon plans on increasing his colony numbers for next season.

"E.J. Bordelon Apiaries is more than 75 years old," Bordelon said. "And we'll try to continue to grow if we can supply all of our customers."

Bordelon is not sure what form his future business will take, but he does know that as long as he can keep fooling all of the bees all of the time, he'll keep on buzzing.



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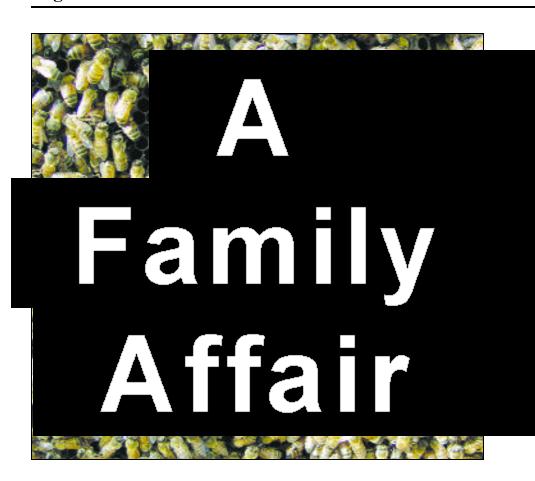
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By Sam Irwin

There are at least two groups that know there is more than one way to skin a cat: professional cat skinners and bee keepers.

Pro cat skinners literally know all the cat skinning techniques and beekeepers understand them figuratively.

Most folks think the only way beekeepers make money is by producing and selling honey.

But there's more than one way to flay a feline or buzz a bee. E. J. "Ricky" Bordelon III of Avoyelles Parish, a third generation beekeeper, would like to produce honey, but cheap imports from China and Argentina make it impossible for him to support his family with the sticky syrup.

Every winter northern beekeepers must renew their bee hives with fresh queens and new worker bees if they want to make a honey crop. Knowing there is more than one way to make beekeeping profitable, Bordelon has turned his operation into a queen bee and starter package production factory to re-supply apiaries depleted by cold winter temperatures in the frozen north.

"We used to get \$1.45 a pound for our honey," Bordelon said. "But right now you only get 60 cents. Queens go for \$10."

Bee shortages due to disease and other factors created a huge demand for pollination services on the West Coast this past winter. Almond growers normally pay beekeepers \$50 a hive to park bee colonies adjacent to fields in need of a thorough pollination. But bees were scarce this year during California's February peak almond pollination season and desperate growers were willing to pay more than double the normal premium prices.



E. J. "Ricky" Bordelon removes a queen cell bar from a swarm hive. Worker bees fooled into thinking they have no queen will feed larvae extra royal jelly to produce a queen.

Mobile pollination services are a good market, but Bordelon chooses to supply commercial and hobby beekeepers across the country with replacement stock.

Because of Mother Nature's mild Louisiana cool season, Bordelon is able to begin stimulating bee production in January.

"Louisiana and the South are great places to raise bees," Bordelon said. "Our season starts earlier. They can raise queens in Minnesota, but not until June or July. We get a jump start on them."

Because of the head start, Bordelon is able to manipulate his bees to increase colony size in January while northern bee colonies are dormant and depleted. Come April, when warmer temperatures finally hit states above the Mason-Dixon Line allowing northern bee keepers to work their hives, Bordelon is already prepared to fill orders for new queens and starter packages.

While it's not nice to fool Mother Nature, apparently bees are all too willing to allow Bordelon to maneuver them into producing a surplus of queens and a seemingly endless supply of drones and worker bees. And, unlike people, you can fool the bees all of the time.

In January, Bordelon and his partners begin feeding sugar syrup to his 2,500 hives scattered across central

Louisiana in Avoyelles and Evangeline parishes.

Feeding is relatively simple, but labor is intensive.

Every 15 days he visits each of his many yards, as he calls his bee hive locations, and pries off the top cover of the white box colonies. Inside the boxes are eight frames akin to a series of office files hanging in a file cabinet. The wooden frames are pre-fabricated and hold a thin sheet of plastic, dimpled with rows and rows of tiny honeycombed hexagonal shapes. Alongside the file-folder-like frames hangs a division board feeder, a narrow hanging plastic box, in which Bordelon pours feed syrup. The sugary liquid keeps his bees buzzing while they wait for the early spring flowers to bloom.

"Feeding keeps the bee numbers up until the weather warms," Bordelon said. "It stimulates the queen to start laying eggs."

While he is feeding, Bordelon is also busy coordinating starter colony orders for his northern customers. A starter colony is a three-pound package of

2,500 bee hives scattered around two parishes keep the Bordelons working around the clock during the spring months preparing queens and starter colony bees for disease-ravaged areas around the nation.



bees complete with queen that is used to reestablish colonies up North in the Spring.

He figures he should be able to fill 3,600 orders this season, but the trick is to fill the orders when the customers want them.

"I have an order from Wisconsin this week for 100 starters on Wednesday and another 100 on Thursday," Bordelon said. "I got up at 2:30 this morning. We won't be able to take a day off until after May."

Bordelon's company, E.J. Bordelon Apiaries, has two full-time employees and four part-timers. But during crunch time Bordelon has coerced his two adult sons, Emeric IV and Jeremy, to take time from their regular offshore jobs to help with the bees.

As dawn breaks over his hive yard near Innis, Bordelon and his two sons are already engaged in their own personal rite of spring. They are collecting surplus bees for shipment to Wisconsin in *See A family affair, page 10*